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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1654  
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09471.0010

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Alain Constancis <i>et al.</i>	)	Group Art Unit: 1654
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Application No.: 09/914,424	)	Examiner: J. E. Russel
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Filed: January 14, 2002	)	
	)	Confirmation No.: 5434
For: CROSSLINKED COLLAGENIC	)	
PEPTIDE FOR PREVENTING	)	
POST-SURGICAL ADHESIONS	)	

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND  
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In reply to the Office Action mailed January 28, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in this request for reconsideration. This reply is due by April 28, 2004, and is timely filed. Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 22-49 in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the specification are included in this paper. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims. Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.